

CHAPTER NO. 810

SENATE BILL NO. 3115

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3039

By Matheny, Fraley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, relative to providing emergency communications districts the necessary authority to meet homeland security requirements and be self-supporting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations is directed to conduct, within existing resources, an expedited, comprehensive study of all aspects of Tennessee's emergency telephone service (911) statutes, including, but not limited to, local emergency communications districts and their respective boards, the state emergency communications board, the provision of enhanced 911 service, and the assessment of emergency telephone service charges upon telecommunications service providers and customers.

SECTION 2. In conducting such study, the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations shall specifically examine the funding mechanisms and the adequacy of the funding for local emergency communications districts and their respective boards, as well as the state emergency communications board.

SECTION 3. Such study shall also evaluate the feasibility and necessity of:

(1) Increasing emergency telephone service charges on telephone land lines and wireless telecommunications services; and

(2) Revising the statutory assessment formula for funding emergency telephone services.

SECTION 4. The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations shall complete such study relative to emergency telephone service (911) and report its findings and recommendations, including any necessary legislation, to the general assembly no later than February 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-306(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Respond to requests from emergency communications districts, commercial mobile radio service providers or other parties and subject to availability of funds, review and approve requests for reimbursements for expenditures or payment of obligations incurred to implement, operate, maintain, or enhance statewide wireless enhanced 911 service in conformance with any rules or orders of the Federal Communications Commission, and other federal and state requirements that pertain to wireless enhanced 911 service;

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2004



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2004



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